

February 1 - 5, 2016
Kentucky Waterfowl Ground Counts

Our statewide waterfowl season is now closed. Youth season for the western zone will be Feb. 6-7. If you can, please try and take a kid hunting, just as someone took us all those years ago. Here are the ground counts that were completed this week. As always, stay safe and happy hunting!

| Location | Number | Species Composition | Comments |
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| Ballard WMA | 21,355 Ducks 675 CA goose 950 WF goose 750 Snow goose | 68% Mallard, 16% Ring-necked duck, 5% GW Teal, 3% Pintail, 3% gadwall, 5% Shoveler, Scaup, Black Duck, Wigeon, Wood Duck, Bufflehead and Goldeneye. | Ohio River is on the way back up after dropping out just before the last 2 weeks of regular season. Birds are currently in hunt units utilizing what food is still available. With River coming up expect birds to spread out again. |
| Barren River Lake | No Count | | |
| Birdsville Island | No count | | |
| Kentucky/Barkley Lakes | No Count | | |
| Duck Island | No count | | |
| Boatwright WMA | 1,212 Ducks 64 CA goose | 97% Mallard, 2% GW Teal, & 1% Pintail | |
| Doug Travis WMA | 8,700 Ducks 125 WF Geese | 85% Mallards, 10% GW Teal, 5% mixed dabblers and divers. | |
| Cave Run Lake | No count | | |
| Clear Creek WMA | No Count | | |
| Peabody WMA | No Count | | |
| Sloughs WMA | 11,030 Ducks 500 WF Goose 75 Snow Goose 197 Swans | 60% Mallards, 40% GW Teal, Shoveler, Pintail, Black Duck, & Ring-necked duck. | Nearly all ducks observed were concentrated within managed moist soil units where water depth was less than 6 inches. Flocks of over |

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| | | | <p>200 green-wing teal and pintails were not uncommon. Fewer ducks were seen along the Pond Creek wetland complex, likely a result of high flow and increased water depth limiting feeding opportunities. Of those ducks that were seen along Pond Creek, most were found loafing in areas with substantial cover (willow thickets, cypress sloughs, or buckbrush on the edge of sloughs) that blocked them from the wind. Goose numbers across the refuge have remained low over the last 5-7 days. Throughout the area, it appears that dry field food sources of winter wheat and standing corn have been exhausted.</p> |
| Yellowbank WMA | 435 Ducks | 85% Mallard, 10% black ducks, 5% gadwall and shoveler. | All units are a maximum capacity. |
| Blue Grass Army Depot (all lakes and ponds) | No Count | | |
| Herrington Lake | No Count | | |
| Taylorsville Lake | No Count | | |
| Cedar Cr./Dix R. WMA | No Count | | |
| Green River WMA | No Count | | |